

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Willie  
2 Sylvester Thompson of Dallas, who passed away on July 20, 2013, at  
3 the age of 88; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Wilford and Katie Thompson, Willie  
5 Thompson was born on May 23, 1925, in Hempstead; after losing both  
6 of his parents at a young age, he was raised by his uncle and aunt,  
7 Dank and Louida Thompson; he graduated from high school in the midst  
8 of World War II and soon enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served  
9 from 1943 to 1946; and

10           WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge from the  
11 military, Mr. Thompson earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture  
12 from Prairie View A&M University, while also obtaining  
13 certification in elementary and secondary education; during his  
14 time at Prairie View, he met the love of his life, the former Edna  
15 Lee Johnson, and the pair exchanged wedding vows in 1947; they  
16 became the proud parents of three daughters, Jacqueline, Helen, and  
17 Gwenda, and with the passing years, they had the joy of welcoming  
18 into their family four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren;  
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20           WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson began his professional career at  
21 Jarvis Christian College, where he led the agriculture department  
22 for seven years; he subsequently became a county agricultural  
23 extension agent, and he continued to serve in that capacity until  
24 his retirement in 1985; and

1           WHEREAS, While living in Longview, Mr. Thompson was an active  
2 member of East Cotton Street Church of Christ, where he taught the  
3 Bible and New Converts classes and served on the leadership team;  
4 ordained an elder of the church, he held that office for 15 years,  
5 until relocating to Dallas; there he joined Central Pointe Church  
6 of Christ, a congregation led by his grandson, Dr. Rodney Dulin; he  
7 continued to distinguish himself through his dedication to  
8 evangelism and ministering to new converts, and in 2012, he was  
9 named shepherd emeritus of the congregation; this esteemed  
10 gentleman was also the author of a number of books, articles, and  
11 lessons on Christianity; and

12           WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to both his family and his faith,  
13 Willie Thompson enriched the lives of countless individuals, and he  
14 will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all those who  
15 held him dear; now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
18 Willie Sylvester Thompson and extend sincere sympathy to the  
19 members of his family: to his wife, Edna Thompson; to his daughters,  
20 Jacqueline Dulin and Helen Williams and her husband, Gary; to his  
21 grandchildren, Chantal McRae Cruthird and her husband, Robert,  
22 Rodney Dulin and his wife, Shalonda, and Monica and Brandon  
23 Williams; to his great-grandchildren, Alexandria Cruthird, Mia  
24 Dulin, Robert Cruthird, Jr., Chayse Williams, Johnathan Cruthird,  
25 and Roman Dulin; to his dear friends, James and Carrie Coy and Ray  
26 and Shirley Perkins; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
27 and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Willie  
4 Sylvester Thompson.

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H.R. No. 194

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 194 was adopted by the House on July 30, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House